

2020-2021 Vincent Massey School Council meeting – June 16, 2021

Attendance: Ginette Thibeault (Principal), Scott Macklin (VP), Chrystal Beckett, Tammy Windsor, Marina Deere (Teacher), Heather Munro, Kate Connolly, Chris Moffat, Erinn Brooks, Amanda Baumgarten, Jeffrey Fennelly, Cheryl Khoury, Jennifer Ellis, Allison Klus-Palermo

1. Meeting was called to order
 2. Previous meeting minutes were approved (Allison Klus-Palermo, Chrystal Beckett). Agenda for meeting was approved and seconded (Christina Moffat, Chrystal Beckett)
 3. Teacher updates (Marina Deere)
 - Kindergarten:**
 - Enjoyed virtual visit from Karina Butler, indigenous teacher from the Board who shared many things including how to give and take from nature
 - Primary**
 - Primary division teachers want to thank parents council for support over the course of the year
 - Junior**
 - Had a virtual visit to the Sports Hall of Fame, and visit from a Special Olympics athlete
 - Special workshop by comic-book artist was well received
 - Intermediate**
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 - Rainbow club had a virtual LGBTQS+ workshop with Kaeden, the Board's trans and gender student support coordinator as well as a virtual visit from Hillcrest teachers who presented about the high school's gay-straight alliance
 - Working on Gr.8 year-end celebrations; OCDSB gr.8 teachers are working together
 4. Principal Updates (Ginette Thibeault)
 - Tentative school org will be sent in the last June Friday update:
 - We will be saying goodbye to the following staff: Alex Smith, teacher retiring; Karen Perriard, ECE retiring; Nivin Radwan, teacher promoted to VP; Alice DeRoth, teacher transfer to another school; Suchita Baral, ECE, transfer to another school; Elliot Poole, Librarian moving out of province; and all of our term staff who have been in supporting students this year given the many contract staff in the virtual schools: Anthony Donnelly, Shauna McCarlie, Nicole Leveque, Kriesten DeYoung, James Fillion, Saralyn Dillard, Diana Rapoport, Peter Hai Nui, Brittany Thompson, Darwin Castellar, Amber Moke and Muna Mahamud Djibril - We can't THANK THEM ENOUGH for their contributions to the VM students!
 - Currently planning year tasks/events: return of school materials/retrieval of belongings/school leaving ceremony etc.
- FACILITIES:
- Summer projects include:
 - Improving the ventilation as required in some areas
 - Fire alarm system upgrade
 - Question – can we get more info about what is included in ventilation project? Upgrade central A/C
5. Fundraising
 - Shoe and boot sale could be married with clothing swap and/or gear swap

- Re: Equipment swap – Hopewell and Glebe partner together and they make lots of money every year with their
6. Grade 8 Graduation Project
 - Nothing new to report; sounds like teachers have things under control.
 7. Refuse to Lose.
 - As proposed at the last council meeting, motion to nominate Chief Custodian Norman and the custodial staff. Motion passed (Tammie Winsor, Christina Moffat). Amanda Baumgarden will coordinate with admin team to work on certificate for next week and look into the plaque for the fall; parent’s council will reimburse her for any costs.
 8. Planning for next year
 - Chrystal has submitted dates to Mary to reserve space for council meetings in the school as well as movie nights, book and coat sale in the fall and a craft fair in Dec.
 9. Treasurer’s Report
 - \$2,110 left parents account (will be carried over)
 - \$34.58 left for kinderyard account
 10. Kinderyard/Gardening Updates
 - Stencils have been painted
 - Watering schedule is full – thanks everyone for volunteering!
 - Scott asked for an update on the mud kitchen: only timing Erinn is aware of is sometime this summer. Delays because of COVID.
 11. Library Rejuvenations
 - Part-time librarian Elliott is leaving; will be replaced through staffing process.
 - \$1000 in the account for marker space as well as \$500 for diversity books
 - Tammy flagged how successful fundraising through FlipGive is; let’s promote it more next year
 - Heather has all the supplies at her house to paint the pillars between the windows; that will be done next year post-COVID restrictions
 - Will need to plan grand opening for the library
 12. PRO Grant
 - Zoom event was on May 31 by Rideauwood additions on the topic of screen time and kids.
 - Was well received; parents thought there was lots of pertinent information
 13. New/Other Business
 - Kate Connolly has a contact at the Legacy of Hope who could work with the school on indigenous reconciliation. Scott reminded us that orange shirt day will be Sept.30th. Allison brought up the idea of having students create a craft in the fall to commemorate residential school survivors (orange hearts, tying orange ribbons on the fence, “every child matters” or hearts in the front windows). Scott will reach out to the indigenous team for their thoughts, advice. Erinn Brooks will look at a bulk order for orange t-shirts

from www.orangeshirtday.org if anyone wants to join. Comment that not every one has the resources to buy an orange shirt. There is an alternate option to buy stickers for students: 500 stickers is \$240. Motion for parents council to buy 2 rolls of stickers for \$580 from www.orangeshirtday.org or an alternate option up to \$580 to the discretion of the diversity committee. Motion carried (Kate Connolly, Chris Moffat).

- Suggestion was brought up by a VM parents to have a parent liaison/sub-committee for students with disabilities; to flag any parent issues to parent's council and admin. Ginette reminded the table that we need to ensure confidentiality so concerns would have to be anonymous. Proposal to have a live feed for future in-person council meetings to be more inclusive. Amanda Baumgarden volunteered to be the liaison for next year.
- Council constitution needs to be revised in the 2021-2022 school year. Perhaps a subcommittee could be struck up and edits presented to council before finalizing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM